



JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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The primary and distinct goal of the JFDP is to provide university instructors from **Albania, ARMENIA, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan** with training in their academic fields. *Fields of study include:* American studies, architecture and urban planning, arts management, business administration, cultural anthropology, economics, education administration, environmental studies, history, international affairs, journalism, law, library science, linguistics, literature, peace/conflict resolution, philosophy, political science, psychology, public administration, public health, public policy, religious studies, social work and sociology.

Participants in the JFDP are also encouraged to forge relationships between U.S. universities and universities in these countries and regions, in order to support ongoing contact and collaboration. JFDP fellows work closely with faculty mentors from host universities in United States to advance their knowledge in their academic fields, focus on learning more about the U.S. system of education, serve as cultural and academic resources, explore new approaches to the teaching of existing courses and course materials, and make presentations or guest lecture. Throughout their stay in the United States, JFDP Fellows observe and listen to courses, attend academic conferences, and may be invited to teach or co-teach classes at a U.S. university. **Fellows do not earn academic degrees through the JFDP, and must return to their home countries after completing the program.**

Each JFDP Fellow will spend a total of **five (5) months** (January-May 2007) in the United States. American Councils is responsible for placing Fellows at U.S. host universities and for providing logistical support for the Fellows throughout their stay in the United States. In addition, ECA and American Councils sponsor events and activities for JFDP alumni after they return to their home countries.

More detailed information about the program requirements is available at American Councils' office in Armenia.

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